

KEYSPAN ENERGY DELIVERY NEW ENGLAND  
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- Q. Refer to page 22 of the Company's filing. Please explain the following sentence: "The model assumes that annual energy demand for existing households is price-elastic."
- A. The Company's analysis shows that the price elasticity of energy demand for existing households is 0.15, which is relatively *inelastic* in economic terms (i.e. less than 1.00). However, the Company considers residential energy demand to be elastic in practical terms because the Company experiences changes in demand as a result of short-term conservation behaviors and measures that customers undertake year-to-year when prices rise.